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by them. With sick children it is too late to prevent disease, whereas it has been proved that well children are actually saved from sickness because their resistance is built up.

“Results in Fulton School. 1. Gain in Weight. All the children in the open-window rooms increase in weight very perceptibly. In the seventh grade last year the increase in weight was from 5 to 21 pounds in different pupils. 2. Less Fatigue. Both teachers and pupils have little fatigue at the close of the day; some of the teachers say they have none. 3. Benefit to Scholarship. The open-window rooms have been in operation so short a time (three years) that full statistics are not available, but reports show that the average of promotions in the open-window rooms was 92 per cent, compared with 90 per cent in the closed rooms. 4. Fewer Absences from Colds. In the open-window rooms the average number of days absence per room for colds is 31 days; in the closed-window room it is 58 days to March 1st, 1919. 5. Epidemics (a) Scarlet Fever. In the scarlet fever epidemic of 1916-17 there were over 100 cases in the school; only two of these were in the two open-window rooms. (b) Influenza Epidemic. In the influenza epidemic of this year up to March 1st there were 132 cases in the closed-window rooms, an average of 10 2/13 cases per room; whereas there were only 27 cases in the open-window rooms, an average of 3 3/8 cases per room. 6. Physical Resistance. Medical examinations of the throats of the children in the closed-window rooms show a bright red, inflamed condition of the mucous membrane, whereas the throats in the open-window rooms are a normal, healthy pink.

“The germs of most children’s diseases—measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, tonsilitis, etc.—enter the body through the nose and throat. When these are inflamed the children are unable to resist, and the disease attacks them. But in the case of the children with normal throats, many diseases are actually resisted, or when the children do fall ill, they suffer less severely and recover more quickly.”

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